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1. IN REFTEL WE TRANSMITTED FOR THE INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEE POSTS EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS OF AN STR PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE SIGNING OF AN ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) REGARDING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPORT OF NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR TO THE UNITED STATES. ON JUNE 21, A FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO THAT NEGOTIATED WITH THE ROC WAS SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR YONG SHIK KIM OF THE ROK AND AMBASSADOR ROBERTS. STRAUSS, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT FROM JUNE 28, 1977

THROUGH JUNE 30, 1978, ROK EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF TWO CATEGORIES OF NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR -- LEATHER (EXCLUDING ATHLETIC FOOTWEAR) AND "ALL OTHER" (INCLUDING LEATHER ATHLETIC FOOTWEAR) WILL NOT EXCEED 33 MILLION PAIRS. IN EACH SUCCEEDING AGREEMENT YEAR EXPORTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO INCREASE, IN STAGES, UP TO A LIMIT OF 38

MILLION PAIRS FOR THE FINAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981. THE ROK HAS UNDERTAKEN TO PREVENT DISRUPTIVE SHIFTS IN THE COMPOSITION OF ITS EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WITHIN EACH CATEGORY.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS AFFECTING ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FURTHER THAT IF OTHER SUPPLIERS EXPORTING FOOTWEAR TO THE UNITED STATES SHOULD MOVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AGREEMENT BY UNDULY INCREASING THEIR SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S., THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO CORRECT THE INEQUITIES.

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